

Joy in Christ
Confidence in Christ
Philippians 3:1-7

1. We can always find real joy in Christ.

*Philippians 3*¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord!

2. We should beware of those trying to corrupt the gospel.

*Philippians 3*² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.

*Matthew 7*⁶ “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

*Romans 10*⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

*Romans 10*¹³ Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

3. We can trust in the completed work of Jesus alone.

*Philippians 3*³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.

*Galatians 6*¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

*Philippians 3*⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

4. We can place our confidence in Christ.

*Philippians 3*⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

*Philippians 3*⁷ The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I’m tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ.